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1. The Ministry of National Defence includes a department of Frontier Guard Troops, situated at Warsaw, at the corner of Koszykowa Street. The G.O.C. is General Chervinski (a Russian who wears Polish uniform and speaks Polish badly). There is a W.O.P. Branch with every Military District Headquarters (D.O.W.).

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2. At Military District Headquarters No. IV, the Commanding Officer of the W.O.P. is Lieutenant Colonel Barcz. Before the war he was Lieutenant Colonel of the Frontier Guard Corps - K.O.P.

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3. The W.O.P. Branch at every Military District Headquarters is divided into Units.

4. Military District Headquarters No. IV is known to have two W.O.P. Units. Until February 1946, the Commanding Officer was Lieutenant Colonel Czesnokow.

The duties of the commanding officer were taken over by his deputy, Major (recently promoted to Lieutenant Colonel) Bodjan. Before the war, Bodjan was a Sergeant Major of the Polish Military Police.

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5. W.O.P. Unit No. III is divided into 5 Sector Commands, Nos. 11 - 15:

- No. 11 - Headquarters at Barwice
- No. 12 - Headquarters at Chojnice
- No. 13 - Headquarters at Szczecin (Stettin)
- No. 14 - Headquarters at Nowe Wapno
- No. 15 - Headquarters at Miedzzydroj near Swinoujscie: (Swinemunde)

6. The commanding officers of the Sector Commands are frequently changed.

In the Sector Commands the number of Communists and Russians in Polish uniforms are on the increase. The Russians in Polish uniforms constitute about 40% of the Command totals.

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7. The Sector commands are divided into posts (straznica). The number of the posts depends on the length of the Sector and on the local conditions. There are four to six in each Sector. There are also separate frontier control

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points (P.P.K. - Przejsciowy Punkt Kontrolny) which come directly under the commanding officer post of their respective areas. These frontier control points deal mainly with controlling frontier traffic.

8. Unit No. III Headquarter is protected by a Maneuver Group whose establishment is equivalent to a battalion. The task of this Group is supposedly to reinforce a threatened sector, but its actual task is to raid the partisans in the forests.

The Commanding Officer of the Maneuver Group is a Russian called Major Redlich. He succeeded Colonel Wlodzimierz Kobylanski, who was arrested during the winter of 1946 and condemned to five years imprisonment for having allegedly neglected to supervise his deputy, a Russian, who had been taking bribes.

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His deputy is Lieutenant Czeslaw Smolczynski who before the war, was a corporal of the Frontier Guard Corps (K.O.P.).

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9. The Group is composed of: (a) An infantry platoon -- Commanding Officer: Second Lieutenant Franciszek Kwasnik, who became an officer during the war; (b) A rifle platoon -- Commanding Officer: Second Lieutenant Franciszek Obszanski, who also became an officer during the war; (c) A machine gun platoon, whose Commanding Officer is shown in the establishment as Deputy Commanding Officer of the Maneuver Group, Lieutenant Czeslaw Smolczynski. Recently the Commanding Officer was Sergeant Zoladkiewicz; (d) A cavalry troop; (e) A motorized platoon -- Commanding Officer: Second Lieutenant Tadeusz Krepinski, who was a cadet-officer before the war; (f) A signal platoon -- Commanding Officer: W.O. Jakub Dylewski, (g) A supply platoon -- Commanding Officer: Second Lieutenant Czeslaw Trubich, who was an artillery sergeant before the war.

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The infantry platoon has a strength of four NCOs and 56 men. Its armament consists of four light machine guns and rifles.

The rifle platoon has a strength of four NCOs and forty-eight men. Its armament consists of one PPSH per man.

The machine gun platoon has a strength of five NCOs and eighteen men. Its armament consists of four machine guns on trailers drawn by three horses each, (similar to the Russian troika.)

The cavalry troop has a strength of four NCOs and thirty-six men, also seventy horses, twenty-four of which are cavalry, the remainder are transport and artillery horses which are used by the supply platoon. There are only three saddles, which were illegally acquired, and the rest of the horses are ridden bareback. The armament consists of twelve rifles, four PPSHs, four light machine guns.

10. In the composition of W.O.P. Unit No. III there is also: (a) An administrative company, Commanding Officer is Second Lieutenant Szolkowski; (b) A record Section, Commanding Officer: Major Barabanov, a Russian intelligence officer; (c) A Reconnaissance Section -- Commanding Officer: Major Alimov, a Russian, also from the Intelligence. The strength of the Section comprises six officers, all of them Russians (d) An Investigation Section, Commanding Officer a Russian Major (name unknown); (e) A Battle Training Section -- Commanding Officer: Captain Zyblewski, who was an officer before the war.
11. All matters concerning motor transport are dealt with by Captain Aleksandrovich, a Russian. There are also several other sections at the headquarters which are unknown. Political education is under Major Kasica, a Pole.

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12. All the officers of the IIIrd Unit Intelligence are Russians. The NCOs and men are Poles, each of them is armed with a pistol, and while on duty -- with a PPSH. The soldiers of the Intelligence Section are the only

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ones permanently armed with pistols. The whole department is in constant dread of this section. The building of the Intelligence Section which is situated at 152, Polish Army Avenue (Aleja Wojska Polskiego), Stettin, is kept under strict security.

13. Unit No. IV covers the sea front from Stettin to Gdansk. No particulars are known.
14. The Chief of Staff of Unit No. III is Captain Zygmunt Kropiwnicki, who was an officer before the war. Every Sector headquarters has its own Staff and Office.
15. The lectures organized by political officers give the soldiers information on current world events, and spread propaganda against Polish war emigres who do not return to Poland.

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